
Welcome, we're glad you joined us!

We welcome you to join us on a transformative journey.

Seeking God, we strive to know God and love God.

Serving others, we follow our Servant Savior
to help bring fullness of life to others.

Sharing Christ's love with all, we proclaim the
unconditional love of Christ filled with joy and hope.

**Please rise in body or in spirit*

Jon Sanford, pianist
Nancy Parkinson, liturgist

(Image on cover: "The Incredulity of Saint Thomas" a painting by Caravaggio.)

WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*CALL to WORSHIP

One: Sing a new song!

All: **A springtime shout-out to life!**

Sing praise to our joyful Easter God
Whose power brings new life out of death!

Immerse doubt and despair in the fountain of new birth
Find refreshment and strength for a future of hope!

For God has taken ordinary things
And made them extraordinary:
Sing a New Song!

*HYMN – "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!" #239

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!
Now is the triumph of our King!
To all the world glad news we bring:
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

The Lord of life is risen today!
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory that love,
that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord the life laid down,
the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER of CONFESSION

Redeeming God,
with you there is always more life,
more hope, more joy.

When doubt assails us,
and we fail to recognize you at work in our lives,
Lord, have mercy!

When fear impairs our faith,
and our eyes and ears and hearts
do not know you,
Christ, have mercy!

When anger and sorrow stop us from
doing the risky work of love,
Lord, have mercy! Amen.

*ASSURANCE of FORGIVENESS

Within every kernel of doubt,
there is a spark of life and hope.
In those times when our faith falters,
when we cannot recognize the presence
of the Holy among us,
God takes our faith and transforms it,
patiently showing us the many ways
Christ walks among us.
As we look around us:
Christ is as close as our own beating heart,
and in the eyes of our nearest neighbor,
God's amazing grace abounds at the heart of all life.

You are all God's children, loved without condition,
Live abundantly in that peace.
Alleluia! Amen!

A TIME with YOUNG DISCIPLES

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

Resurrecting Lord, you conquered death
and opened the gates of life everlasting.
In the power of the Holy Spirit,
raise us with Christ,
open our ears and loosen our tongues
that we, too, may proclaim your love,
healing, and peace to the nations. Amen

SCRIPTURE

A reading from John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON – "The Rest of the Story"

Pastor Lawrence

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

*HYMN – "Amazing Grace"

#649

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost,
but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first
believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to
sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (sins...sin)

MUSIC for OUR OFFERING – "Pie Jesu"

From the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure Sung by Maureen Kelly

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to give online

PRAYER of DEDICATION

*HYMN – "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing"

#255

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: O sons and daughters,
let us sing with heavenly hosts to Christ our King;
today the grave has lost its sting!
All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: That night the apostles met in fear;
among them came their Lord most dear,
and said, "My peace be with you here."

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: When Thomas first the tidings heard,
how they had seen the risen Lord,
he doubted the disciples' word.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: "My pierced side, O Thomas, see;
and look upon my hands, my feet,
not faithless, but believing be."

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: No longer Thomas then denied;
he saw the feet, the hands, the side;
"You are my Lord and God!" he cried.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

One: How blest are they who have not seen,
And yet whose faith has constant been,
for they eternal life shall win.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia!

***BLESSING**

Follow God's lead into new life!
We will look for Jesus in unexpected places.

This is Easter!
Christ is Risen!
Let us we dance an alleluia dance,
and sing a resurrection song of joy
for God's amazing grace!

Alleluia! Amen!

***POSTLUDE**

Congregational Concerns: Betty Barnhart, Jim Baer, John Curry, Bob Douglass, Nancy Gates, Genee Hesse, Ruth Miller, Jan Reinhart, Becky Rudolph, Sarah Soika, Joan Teckman, Stacey Winn, John & Jean Woodruff.

Email request to Judy Fisher, fisherrh@miamioh.edu, or email the church office, office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

A Note from the Newsletter Editor: Hi Everyone, I am planning a new column for the May newsletter and I need your help. Please share stories with me, in a few sentences, of the good things you have learned, kindnesses that came your way, how you are coping, or anything else from these extraordinary COVID-19 times. Also, let me know if you want to be anonymous. Let's spread these good things! **P.S. As always, the newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month.**

Thank you! Nancy (moeckenj@miamioh.edu).

STEWARDSHIP IN THIS SEASON



Our stewardship continues to be a vital faith expression of who and whose we are. Our giving in this season supports our ongoing work of being church as we continue to serve our neighbors in need, offering a livestream of worship, and sustain our ministry during these unprecedented times.

Please mail your pledge/tithe to the church office or give through one of these digital avenues. To give *online* both conveniently and securely, you may access our online giving opportunity from your computer at <https://onrealm.org/oxfordpresbychurch/Give>.

To give via *QR code*, scan the code above with your phone and follow the brief prompt.

To give via *text message*, text opc1825 and your designated amount to 73256. For example, text "opc1825 25" to 73256 for an offering of \$25 and follow the prompt. Questions? Contact office - office@oxfordpresbychurch.org.

CANCELLED - Community Meal: Due to the extension of the COVID-19 'stay at home' order, the Community Meal scheduled for Wednesday, April 29th has been cancelled.

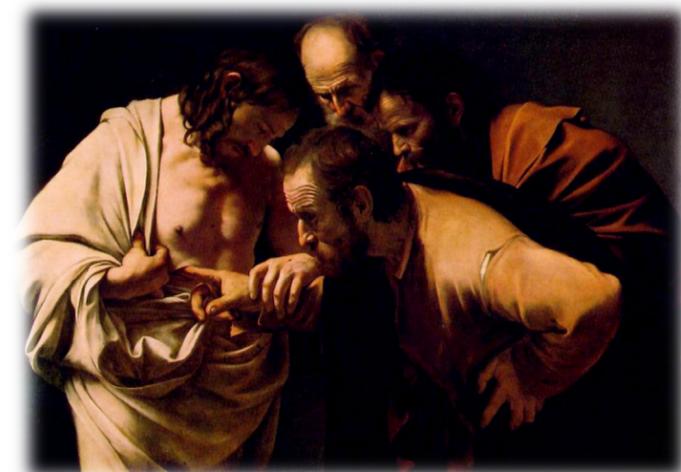
Our Mission and Outreach Committee and Deacons are proactively responding to the needs of our community mission partners including - the Family Resource Center (FRC), Talawanda Oxford Pantry and Social Services (TOPSS), Oxford Seniors, and the Backpack Program.

In lieu, of contributing to the April Community Meal, please consider donating to the FRC (send checks to P.O. Box 108, Oxford, OH), TOPSS (tuna, peanut butter and toilet paper needed most), or the Deacons Food Drive (send checks to the OPC office). Thank you for loving our Oxford neighbors during this time of pandemic.

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for a full ministry calendar, please visit:
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Lawrence Bartel, Pastor
Marc van Bulck, Associate Pastor
Kent Peterson, Music Director ~ Lynn Jacobs, Organist

Second Sunday in Easter



Sunday, April 19, 2020



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